



STIC Search Report

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Search Notes

Mr. Zurita:

Attached are the results of your search request regarding
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING ELECTRONIC COMMERCE TRANSACTIONS

Please let me know if need you anything further.
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Search Topic Information:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic commerce system for facilitating an electronic commerce transaction, the electronic commerce system comprising:
a global content directory for providing a plurality of buyers access to a distributed plurality of seller databases, each seller database associated with a corresponding seller and distinct from other seller databases in the distributed plurality of seller databases, the global content directory comprising:
a directory structure comprising a plurality of product classes organized in a hierarchy, system, each product class categorizing a plurality of products and defining one or more attributes of the products categorized in the product class;
one or more pointers associated with each product class in the plurality of product classes, each pointer identifying the seller database in the distributed plurality of seller databases in which product data enabling a product transaction is stored for products associated with the product class, the seller database identified by the pointer being associated with its corresponding seller and being distinct from the other seller databases in the distributed plurality of seller databases;
and
a search interface operable to communicate a search query for product data to the one or more seller databases identified by the one or more pointers associated with the selected product class, each seller database associated with its corresponding seller and distinct from the other seller databases in the plurality of seller databases;
a selection of a product class received from one of the plurality of buyers; and



in response to the selection of the product class received from one of the plurality of buyers, communicating a search query for product data to one or more seller databases identified by one or more pointers associated with the selected product class.

Special Instructions and Other Comments:



STIC Search Results Feedback Form

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Questions about the scope or the results of the search? Contact *the EIC searcher* or contact:

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Voluntary Results Feedback Form

➤ I am an examiner in Workgroup: Example: 3620 (optional)

➤ Relevant prior art **found**, search results used as follows:

- ☐ 102 rejection
- ☐ 103 rejection
- ☐ Cited as being of interest.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the invention.
- ☐ Helped examiner better understand the state of the art in their technology.

Types of relevant prior art found:

- ☐ Foreign Patent(s)
- ☐ Non-Patent Literature
(journal articles, conference proceedings, new product announcements etc.)

➤ Relevant prior art **not found**:

- ☐ Results verified the lack of relevant prior art (helped determine patentability).
- ☐ Results were not useful in determining patentability or understanding the invention.

Comments:

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